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Crane Strikes I-82 Bridge

Shortly after 11:00 AM today a crane being hauled on a flatbed semi struck a steel bridge support on the Yakima River Bridge on Interstate 82. The semi-truck from Adamsview Hauling in Trout Lake was traveling westbound on Interstate 82 about a mile north of Yakima when the boom of the crane extended upwards striking the overhead bridge structure. Some of the bridge structure was torn loose and fell on surrounding traffic. The driver of the semi-truck Stewart Osborn, age 26 of Trout Lake Washington was able to maintain control of the semi-truck and load clearing it from the roadway, he was not injured.

Dean Brown age 53, of Yakima was driving a Ryder truck westbound near the semi-truck when the collision occurred and was struck by falling debris. Brown received minor injuries and was treated at the scene. A third westbound car struck debris and later left the scene before talking with investigators.

It appears to investigators that a pin holding the cranes, boom in place for transport sheared allowing the boom to extend.

The crane being hauled is a tree cutting apparatus owned by Steinbach Enterprises in Glenwood Washington. The crane was being sent to the Tri Pod Complex fires in the Winthrop area to assist with creating fire breaks.

The bridge received extensive damage and only one lane will remain open until the Department of Transportation can make repairs. The bridge remains closed for all commercial vehicles and oversized loads exceeding 20,000lbs. Alternate routes for commercial vehicles are available through the Selah interchange.

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